

St. Stanislaus Church
Parish Council Meeting
September 13, 2022

Attendees: Fr. Justin, Joe Roth (Chair), Chris Hurla, Desiree McGrath, Sarah Sanders, Bill DeDonder. Ex Officio: Connie Fisher, Royce Muller.

I . Opening Prayer/Prayer formation for the council

- a. Prayer was led by Father Justin within the sanctuary at St. Stanislaus Church.

II. Introduction of New Member, Desiree McGrath

III. Review and amendment/approval of prior minutes: May 10, 2022

IV. Opening - Father Justin Hamilton

- a. It has been a wonderful summer. Father discussed how we can help build our church up, what would build up the kingdom of God in our parish? He is concerned there are several Catholics in our area who are not practicing.
- b. We are responsible for everyone within our boundaries. Our mission is our Salvation of Souls.
- c. Regarding the Mass change, Joe commented on seeing individuals who he hasn't seen at church in awhile. Several comments on how they enjoy the 9:00 Mass time. Religious Ed will be an hour later.

V. Building our Church

- a. Parish Ministries/Parish Growth/Social Concerns: Connie is looking for a 4th grade Religious Ed catechist, possibly Kay Sullivan.

VI. Old Business

- 1: Value Them Both - it did not go as well as had hoped.

Discussion: How can we incorporate how we show we value all lives? How can we contribute as a parish to show dignity to young, old, mothers, families? How are we walking with mom's as a parish? The hope is individuals will reach out to Father Justin or Kathi. The Knights of Columbus has a strong program although people know very little about it. Several suggested reaching out to our children for ideas on how to make our resources more available. How can we share information about the resources available in the community, for example, Catholic Charities, Project Rachel, Harvesters, God Storehouse, etc. The Poor and Needy contributed money is collected locally and available locally to support individuals for rent, gas cards, food. It was recommended to type out on the envelope that funds are designated for St. Stanislaus parishioners. How can we support our Youth Group? How can we build up a Catholic culture at home? Father Justin asked that everyone pray on this conversation and how we can support our families.

2: Abundant Blessings - Jenna Brown and others may be interested in volunteering. The event will focus on parishioners gathering together rather than functioning as a fundraiser.

3: Parish Picnic: Decent crowd. Several individuals came in to socialize.

4: Prayer Garden: The area where the garden is going to go will be tilled. The pad will be poured and stained in the next few weeks, the benches will be ready shortly after that, followed by setting the statue of Mary and Jesus in place.

5: Potential for classes/meetings to improve our parish, including prayer life (ie.e., marriage and family ministry, devotion to the Sacred Heart)

VII: New Business

1: Upcoming Church schedule, events

a. Discussion on how to build up our youth group numbers on Wednesday nights. Connie discussed how she will be asking families to volunteer to bring food.

VII. Open Forum

1: Fellowship Sunday:

a. Discussion: Next Sunday will be hosting their first Knights of Columbus Sunday breakfast. Probably serve biscuits and gravy.

2: Next Meeting: November 8, 2022 6:30pm.

IX. Closing Prayer